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SUBJECT: CODEL HOLLINGS

1. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEARTH OF INFORMATION ABOUT CODEL HOLLINGS. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CODEL HAS BEEN IMPRESSED UPON US AND WE HAVE MOVED QUICKLY AND I THINK EFFECTIVELY TO INSURE THAT THE VISIT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL HERE. CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL HAS BEEN EXPENDED TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS BOTH WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER. THESE MEETINGS HAVE NOW BEEN ARRANGED DESPITE SHORT TIMING AND OTHER DISADVANTAGEOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH DEPT IS ALREADY AWARE. INVITATIONS HAVE GONE OUT TO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF COLOMBIAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES HERE AND BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY WEEKEND WE HAVE ALREADY HAD TO INCUR EXPENSES FOR THE DINNER AND RECEPTION. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE THINGS WELL IN HAND AT THIS END BUT WE ARE VERY UNCERTAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE WASHINGTON END.

2. I UNDERSTAND OF COURSE THAT LAST MINUTE CHANGES ARE ALMOST STANDARD WITH CODELS AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE TO THEM. WHAT BOTHERS ME IS THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE CODEL ALMOST EVERY DAY IN NO CASE DID DEPT TAKE
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INITIATIVE IN INFORMING US OF THESE CHANGES. WE HAD TO DIG OUT THE INFORMATION OURSELVES IN TELEPHONE CALLS PUT THROUGH WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY TO WASHINGTON. WE HAVE CONTINUED IMPRESSION FROM SUCH CONVERSATIONS THAT MORE CHANGES MAY BE FORTHCOMING AND THAT CODEL MAY EVEN BE CANCELLED BUT OUR EXPERIENCE SO FAR LEAVES US LESS THAN CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF THIS EVEN THOUGH WE ARE THE FIRST

STOP. STATE 184495 UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR THE CODEL TO GET OFF TO THE BEST POSSIBLE START HERE. WE FOR OUR PART HAVE DONE AND WILL DO EVERYTHING TO ATTAIN THAT OBJECTIVE BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE BETTER FEEDBACK AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE WASHINGTON END. IN THIS CONNECTION I CAN ONLY REITERATE THAT SEVEN DAYS HAVE NOW PASSED WITHOUT A SINGLE ADDITIONAL CABLE FROM THE DEPT ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS CODEL.

3. GIVEN THE THREE DAY WEEKEND AHEAD WHEN MINISTRIES WILL BE CLOSED AND THE PRESIDENT OUT OF TOWN, THERE ARE IN EFFECT ONLY ABOUT FIVE HOURS LEFT IN WHICH WE CAN CANCEL THE APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH MINIMUM POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL LOSS. I WOULD HOPE THAT IN THIS SHORT TIME REMAINING WE WOULD AT LEAST RECEIVE A STATUS REPORT FROM OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPT WHO ARE HANDLING THIS CODEL.
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